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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as described herein. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months from November 11, 2009 to, and including, January 11, 2010 are included herewith.

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